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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kurt ERNE et al.

Group Art Unit: 3662

Application No.: 10/516,730

Examiner: L. RATCLIFFE

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For: OPTICAL INCLINOMETER

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 7, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 25-54 are pending in this application.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 53. However, based on at least the analysis below, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are allowable.

I. Claim for Priority

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge Applicants' claim for priority, and confirm that the priority documents were forwarded to the Patent Office by the International Bureau.

II. Objection to Drawings

The drawings were objected to for lack of drawings, in the June 30, 2006 Office Action. However, drawings were included with the International Application PCT/EP03/05206, which was forwarded to the Patent Office by the International Bureau.